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PRESCOTT, ARIZONA, WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 1903.

Fortieth Year.

HOW INDEPENDENCE DAY WAS CELEBRATED IN MOUNTAIN CITY

Fairly Large Crowd Was Present and Two Days of Interesting Sports Provided.

Another glorious Fourth of July has come and gone and aside from a few who may have "run amuck" with the omnipresent firecracker bomb, or paraded too freely of "Fourth of July" the memories of the day will long be cherished as a pleasant occasion when the pent up enthusiasm and patriotism of the American heart overflowed to its full satisfaction. The weather in Prescott was ideal, there being just enough of the cool mountain breeze to make one feel fresh and good and perfectly comfortable with an ordinary summer suit on, and yet warm enough to make the ice cream parlors very popular resorts, and they were well patronized by the throng of people in the city.

Although the matter of having a celebration in Prescott was put off until the last few days, it being less than two weeks since active work was begun on the proposition, there was a good crowd of visitors in the city. There would undoubtedly have been more had the matter been taken hold of sooner. It began to look as if nothing was going to be done in town and the patriotic citizens of the different mining camps and neighborhoods of the county began to make preparations to have private picnics and neighborhood celebrations and these preparations had gone to such an extent that many of them could not be changed and of course these kept many people from coming to town. There are said to have been picnics at Kirkland, Mayer, Walker, Senator, and several other places in the county. Besides these the W. C. T. U. of Prescott gave a picnic at Duke's ranch and there was quite a crowd went to this picnic from Prescott. Those who attended report having had a splendid time. Springs had been prepared for the picnic and older folk, too, in the large shade trees, and lots of lemonade and other good things had been provided so that the day was one of unalloyed pleasure to those who were present. Attorney Leroy Anderson made a very patriotic and appropriate speech which expressed the purest sentiment of American patriotism. This feature of the day was especially spoken of as a great treat.

Being to the intense of the several of the events of July 3rd could not be given in Friday's paper. Among these were the boys' pony race which was won by Charles French riding his pretty little pony Prince. The first prize in the horse race was captured by Charles Bowne while John Shull came in just in time to claim second money.

The principal event of the first day's celebration was the firemen's annual ball which took place in the old Fellows hall. By 9 o'clock the hall was packed with merry makers who had turned out with a two fold purpose in mind, that of helping the fire boys and having a good time. Mrs. Smith's well known and popular orchestra had been secured to furnish the music and of course there could be nothing but praise to say of the music. The fire laddies were on hand in their handsome uniforms and did everything that could be done to see that everybody had a good time and so far no one has been found who did not enjoy the occasion. In fact they enjoyed it so well that it was 3:00 o'clock when the last strains of "Home, Sweet Home" died away and the hall was brought to a close. Even at that hour there were nearly as many present as midnight. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served in the banquet room during the entire evening and the tables were well filled nearly all the time. Mr. Greenhill, the caterer and candy man, furnished the firemen with the delightful refreshments and those who sampled them pronounced them excellent. The exact net proceeds are not yet known but they will be in the neighborhood of \$225, to be equally divided between the four companies. The firemen are very grateful to all who patronized them and helped to make the ball such a pronounced success.

The usual firing of bombs and fire crackers of all sizes and noise capacities opened the morning of the Fourth, and at an early hour the streets began to fill up with people. At a little past nine o'clock the Eagles band began one of their splendid concerts. Right here let it be said that one of the most enjoyable features of the entire celebration of two days was the concerts given by this band. They gave five concerts during the two days and many were the words of praise heard expressed of the band. Although the organization has been in existence only about two years they play like veterans and their improvement has been simply wonderful. Prescott is and ought to be proud of her band.

At 10:30 o'clock the contests of the day began. There were two foot races for the boys, one of them being won by Don Tomlinson and the other by Alfred Fern.

The 100-yard free for all dash was won by H. W. Bartlett second.

There was considerable interest in the horse races which were the chief attraction of the forenoon. The O. K. company team won the prize of \$150 in the wet test, the time being 27 seconds. During the progress of the horse races one of the horses was run over by the horse cart but not seriously hurt.

At 2:00 o'clock the sports for the soldiers began. These sports were under the direction of Second Lieut. Phinney, who has charge of all the athletic sports of the company, and who has been giving regular monthly exhibitions at Whipple since the company has been stationed there. The first contest was pitching a conical tent. There were three squads of four men and one non-commissioned officer each who contested for the prize, and the contest was very exciting and interesting. Sergeant Schatz and his squad won the prize, pitching their tent in exactly six minutes.

In the shelter tent contest Corporal Thomas and his assistant Private Clappish, won in three minutes.

The skirmish drill was one of the most interesting events of the afternoon. There were six contestants in this race. They took their guns apart and laid them in a pile in the street. At the crack of the pistol they had to run ten yards, put their guns to the fire, fire five shots, run thirty yards and fire five shots more and so on till they had fired twenty five shots each and then they had to return to the starting place. Private S. L. Garrett won first money and Private Downs second.

Next was a prize drill, three squads of seven privates and non-commissioned officers each contesting. Major Walcott, Capt. Reed and Lieut. Phinney being the judges in the drill. Each squad did themselves proud and received a hearty applause from the large crowd that witnessed the exhibition. One who was not thoroughly conversant with the technicalities of such a contest would have been unable to pick out the winners, as they all did so well, but the judges decided that Sergeant Scott's squad were the winners on points.

STATEMENT BY MINE OPERATORS

In Reference to Position on New Law.

Ultimatum Received From Officials of the McCabe Miners Union and Their Answer.

The Miners Union having succeeded in closing down many of the prominent mines in Yavapai county, Arizona, by their unreasonable demands for a higher rate of wages, now that the eight hour law has gone into effect, than was paid for ten hours work before the passage of that very questionable measure and by their actions in interfering with the operation of the mines by the rightful owners the mine owners and operators have been obliged to form an association for their mutual protection, the association has agreed to pay the following scale of wages:

Stoppers \$3, timbermen \$3.50, pumpmen (underground) \$3.50, muckers \$3, trammers \$2.50, drifting raising and cross cutting \$3.25, sinking \$3.50. These are the highest wages paid in the territory and is an increase of 20 per cent per hour over what was paid before the eight hour law went into effect.

All fair minded miners agree that this scale is satisfactory and they would be willing to work for these wages, if they were permitted to do so by their bosses, the walking delegates. These industrial gentlemen are a good deal exercised just now, as they know their action in calling the men out who are satisfied and want to work, is a little risky and they may lose their jobs.

The following enigmatical letter and typographical puzzle has been received by the association:

McCabe Miners Union No. 118. Western Federation of Miners of America. McCabe, Ariz. June 24, 1903. Whereas, Under the misrepresentation of the relative conditions of those who work in and around the mines and the operators who are in charge and who have the management of the property, which are operated by the money raised through stock methods.

Resolved that the organization known as the Mine Operators Association is misrepresenting the true situation to those who hold stock in the property that are effected:

Resolved that we show them up in their true light to the stockholders interested.

Yavapai District Union of W. F. M. (Seal) President, Alfred P. Smith. Sec. Treas. Harry B. Busby. Business Adm. F. P. Starr.

The above letter was sent to the association with the statement that this was their ultimatum.

Now there is nothing that the Mine Operators Association would like better than to have the stockholders know how earnestly they are working in the interest of the men that invest their money in mines in Arizona: in fact the association was formed in the interest of the stockholders.

The miners union practically says if you, the mine operators, will recognize our scale of wages and recognize the union, we will say nothing about how you are robbing the confiding stockholders: But, if you don't we will show you up.

The effect of showing up the working and object of the association would be to prove that the mine operators will not allow the miners union to run their business to the detriment of everyone that has invested their money in a legitimate business enterprise. Anything that the miners union can do to injure the business of the mine operators will be thoroughly appreciated by that organization.

Published by order of the Yavapai Mine Operators Association. P. C. Armitage, Secretary.

Evidence of a Foul Murder.

Some boys made a gruesome find last Friday evening south of town within about a quarter of a mile of Stephens & Hoover's slaughter house. It consisted of a well preserved skull and portions of the bones of a human body. They immediately reported their discovery to the sheriff's office and the bones were brought to the court house where they are locked in a closet.

A close have the appearance of having lain exposed to the weather for at least a year. There are some small teeth of light colored fine hair still adhering to the skull.

There are two or three indications on the skull, one on the back of it indicating that it was made with some blunt instrument, the skull being broken and the skull crushed in. The top of the skull, well towards the back is covered with indentations as if done with the corner of an iron bar. The skin is drawn down over the left eye and the eye is closed and dried in the socket.

The teeth are well preserved and worn, showing their owner to have been a young man, and small portions of clothing found indicate that he had been well to do.

An air of complete mystery surrounds the find as no one can recall any missing man, who one could recall in connection with the find, clearly points to the commission of a murder. The bones were found in a small ravine close to a well traveled road and the fact that they have lain there so long undiscovered is a mystery in itself.

Pennsylvania Cloud Burst.

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